
BILL REQUEST - CODE REVISER'S OFFICE

BILL REQ. #: I-3109.1/16

ATTY/TYPIST: JA:akl

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

1 AN ACT Relating to taxes and fees imposed by state government;
2 adding a new section to chapter 43.135 RCW; and creating new
3 sections.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **TAXPAYER PROTECTION ACT**

6 **COMPLETE TEXT**

7 **INTENT**

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The people want to ensure that tax and fee
9 increases are consistently a last resort.

10 **PROTECTING TAXPAYERS BY LIMITING THE DURATION OF LEGISLATIVE TAX**
11 **INCREASES UNLESS APPROVED BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THE LEGISLATURE**
12 **OR MAJORITY VOTE OF THE PEOPLE**

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.135
14 RCW to read as follows:

15 After January 1, 2016, any tax increase imposed by the
16 legislature in any given year expires one year after the tax increase

1 takes effect unless the tax increase was approved by a two-thirds
2 vote of the legislature or majority vote of the people.

3 **CONSTRUCTION CLAUSE**

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The provisions of this act are to be
5 liberally construed to effectuate the intent, policies, and purposes
6 of this act.

7 **SEVERABILITY CLAUSE**

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** If any provision of this act or its
9 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
10 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
11 persons or circumstances is not affected.

12 **TITLE OF THE ACT**

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act is known and may be cited as the
14 "taxpayer protection act."

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